

In the Specification

Please amend the following Cross-Reference to Related Applications paragraph for the paragraph which was submitted in an Amendment dated October 27, 2004, beginning on page 1, after the title of the invention:

This application, Serial No. 09/674,254, is the U.S. national stage application of International patent application No. PCT/US99/09366, filed April 29, 1999, and claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/083,418, filed April 29, 1998, and ~~this application~~ U.S. application Serial No. 09/674,254 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 08/919,421, filed August 27, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,916,751, which claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/025,800, filed August 27, 1996.